(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b).

Action against manufacturers of inferior quality steel utensils

*192. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale sale of inferior quality steel utensils in the wholesale and retail markets in the country;

(b) whether Government have made any efforts to identify the manufacturers of such inferior quality steel utensils in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken by Government against such manufacturers ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) The Ministry of Health who is monitoring the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, the Bureau of Indian Standards and Department of Steel have been consulted. According to information received from them no complaint from the users in regard to sale of inferior quality of steel utensils in the wholesale and retail markets in the country has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Gas and crude production from Mandapeta well in Krishna-Godavari basin

*193. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of the production of gas and crude from Mandapeta well in Krishna-Godavari basin;

(b) what measures are being taken to step up production of gas and crude in this area; and

(c) what are the plans of Government for the utilization of this crude and gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c). Gas was discovered in Mandapeta prospect in September, 1988. Test results in this well (Mandapeta 1) indicated gas production at the rate of 1.68 lakh cubic metres & condensate productions at the rate of 47 barrels a day. Two more wells (Mandapeta—2 and Mandapeta—3) are currently under drilling to delineate the prospect. Pro-cise production figures & consequently the utilization plan from this prospect would be known after delineation is complete. Firm commitment of 0.6 MMCMD of gas has so far been made to various users in the Krishna-Godavari Basin as a whole.

Private sector participation in power generation

*194. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to encourage private sector participation in power generation projects to augment the availability of power in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any discussion had taken place in the recent past between the Central Government and the Maharashtra Government regarding participation by NRIs in power generation projects in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The policy with regard to the generation and distributing of electricity continues to be regulated by the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.